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The documents are listed below.

- 1) Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-16844, published January 22, 1999; accompanied by an English language abstract (provided by ep.esp@cenet.com) ;
- 2) Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-111661, published April 23, 1999; accompanied by an English language abstract (provided by ep.esp@cenet.com) ;

- 3) Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-288490, published October 17, 2000;
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- 4) Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-1199, published January 7, 2003; accompanied by
an English language abstract (provided by ep.esp@cenet.com);
- 5) United States Patent No. 6,942,737, issued September 13, 2005 and entitled "Substrate
Cleaning Apparatus and Method"; Applicants note that this document is an English
language family member of Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-1199 as referenced in
(4) of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 6) Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-078326, published March 22, 1996; accompanied by
an English language abstract (provided by Patent Abstracts of Japan);
- 7) Japanese Patent Application No. H2003-182615, published July 3, 2003; accompanied by
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Copies of the above-noted documents, except for U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent
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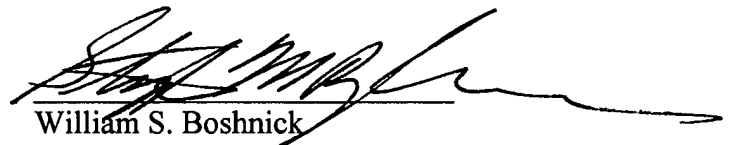
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